

Spotlight on Que:
Brother Ronaldo E. Babb
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Brother Ronaldo E. Babb is another stalwart member of Chi Phi Chapter and he shared his Omega, career, and personal milestones with me to present to members and others for review and reflection. His journey provides a small glimpse of a man filled with spirituality, humility, endeavor, and a genuine love for others. Brother Babb's service in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity spans nearly 47 years of providing leadership, comradeship, mentorship, and stewardship to the Fold. He was inducted in the Lampados Club of Zeta Psi Chapter, Brooklyn, New York in 1967 and he later crossed into Omega Psi Phi in 1968. Brother Babb exudes the fraternity's four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift while using the three stepping stones of group initiative, group cooperation, and group loyalty as a solid foundation toward building effective relationships with brothers at diverse levels in their Omega commitment and industry.

Brother Babb's achievements are representative of his fortitude, forthrightness, and integrity. Babb's accomplishments, whether education, business, community, or fraternity, are a direct result of his endurance to keep the rules of life burning deep in his heart down through the years. His biography reads as follow:

Manhood. Brother Babb was born in the Canal Zone of the Republic of Panama in 1946. He later migrated to the USA, arriving in New York in 1959. Babb was joined in marriage to Cynthia A. Newkirk and into their union were adopted two children, Ronald and Erika. Babb has two grand-children, Kadence and Journey.

Scholarship. Brother Babb completed his Associates and Bachelor of Science Degree from St. Francis College and received a Master of Business Administration from Adelphi University. Babb has a certificate from H&R Block and possess a license as a tax preparer from the Internal Revenue Service.

Perseverance. Brother Babb retired in 1996 from Chase Manhattan Personal Financial Services;

he transferred to Denver with the firm in 1993. While at Chase Manhattan, Babb created the Chase PFS Company Disaster Recovery Plan in 1996. He later would retire from Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company in 2012.

Uplift. Brother Babb participated in nearly all chapter activities during his tenure in Chi Phi. Here's a partial list of his community projects: Rites of Passage Mentoring; Paint-A-Thon; Christmas Toy Drive; Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up; and, Habitat for Humanity. His fraternal leadership and service is extensive: District Marshal for the 60th Annual Eighth District Meeting; Chapter Basileus; Vice-Basileus; Keeper of Finance; and, Chaplain. Babb is the recipient of several awards: Omega Man of the Year Award; Founders Award; Superior Service Award; Chapter Service Award; Bridge Builder Award; and, the 40 Year Service Award.

Brother Babb's hopes and aspirations for the future of Omega and Chi Phi Chapter are:

- To continue to build on the rich legacy of the Chapter through brotherhood and friendship.
- To communicate with each other (and not at each other) in ways that are understandable and functional.
- To tell our story of support and success in the Metro Denver community and throughout the District and International Fraternity.
- To promote brotherly love, friendship, diversity, and inclusiveness in support of reclamation and retention.

Brother Babb epitomizes the motto of 'Friendship is essential to the Soul' and his record of service in Omega and in the community is honorable and worthy of emulation.

